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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0011] with the following amended paragraph:

[0011] In accordance with an aspect of the present invention, the weed-preventing paper for cultivating a plant includes a paper body covering a surface of a soil where the plant is to be grown and having at least a cross opening for the plant to pass therethrough, a weed-preventing agent contained in the paper body for blocking light so as to prevent the growth of a weed surrounding the plant, and a water indicator printed on the paper body and showing a hydrous and an anhydrous states thereof via different colors for being a reminder of watering.

Please replace paragraph [0019] with the following amended paragraph:

[0019] Preferably, a surface of the paper body has a silver color for preventing bugs insect encroachment.

Please replace paragraph [0043] with the following amended paragraph:

[0043] Besides, the present invention also has the design of watering indication for assisting the owner of the pot plant to do the water management in order to timely water the pot plant. The design of watering indication is to use a water indicator printed on the paper body, which shows a hydrous and an anhydrous states via different colors for being a reminder of watering. One of the water indicators suitable for use in the present invention is cobaltous chloride (CoCl₂). Cobaltous chloride is a crystalline compound whose anhydrous form consists of blue crystals, and whose hydrous form consists of pink crystals. That is to say the color of cobaltous chloride is blue while it is dry, and is pink while it absorbs water to contain crystal water.

Please replace paragraph [0047] with the following amended paragraph:

[0047] Please refer to Fig. 4 which shows the weed-preventing paper according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention. According to the preferred embodiment of the present invention, the weed-preventing paper further includes a beautifying figure 41 printed on the paper body 40 for beautifying the soil surface of the pot plant, such as an image of a flower, a grass, a person or a scenery. A silver color could also be printed on a surface of the paper body

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40 for producing the effect of preventing bugs insect encroachment as a silver plastic sheet does.

Please replace paragraph [0052] with the following amended paragraph:

[0052] According to the above, it is clear that the weed-preventing paper for use in plant cultivation of the present invention has the feature of being capable of effectively preventing the weed growth. The weed-preventing paper has multiple cross openings for passing a plant therethrough, a silver color for preventing bugs insect encroachment, the control-release fertilizer for saving the manpower cost, the beautifying image for beautifying the soil surface and a water indicator for reminding the plant owner to do the water management and so on. A certain combination of the features described above could be made depending on the user's needs. In addition, all the related materials in the present invention are biodegradable and capable of being decomposed, which is not limited by the soil environment and enables the achievement of the permanent operation in agricultural production. Therefore, the present invention has the features of industrial application and high commercial value.

Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure on page 17 with the following amended paragraph:

A weed-preventing paper with multiple functions for use in plant cultivation is provided. The weed-preventing paper includes a paper body covering a surface of a soil where the plant is to be grown, and having at least a cross opening for the plant to pass therethrough, a weed-preventing agent contained in the paper body for blocking light so as to prevent the growth of a weed surrounding the plant, and a water indicator printed on the paper body and showing a hydrous and an anhydrous states thereof via different colors for being a reminder of watering.